

Amendments to the Drawings

Please amend Figure 1 to include the designation “Prior Art” as shown in the attached replacement sheet.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

This paper is timely filed in response to the official action dated June 3, 2008 (hereinafter “the official action”). The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith, to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855, under Order No. 30848/40704.

By the foregoing, Figure 1 of the drawings has been amended to include the designation “Prior Art.”

All pending claims 1-10 stand rejected. Claims 1-5, 9, and 10 have been rejected as anticipated by De et al. (U.S. 2004/0137362). Claims 1-8 have been rejected as obvious over the combination of Gonsalves (U.S. 7,008,749) and De *et al.*

All pending claims 1-10 are entitled to the May 30, 2002, Greek priority application filing date of GR 20020100253, which is prior to October 31, 2002, *i.e.* the earliest (potential) effective filing date of De *et al.* Thus, De *et al.* is not available as a reference against the pending claims under any section of 35 USC 102.

In support of applicants' assertion that all claims are entitled to the priority application filing date, the applicants enclose herewith an accurate translation of GR 20020100253 and an accompanying executed translation verification statement. In this regard, the examiner is directed to claims 1-10 of the attached translation document, which are substantially identical to those presented in the international application and pending in this application.

In view of the unavailability of De *et al.* as a reference against the pending claims, all outstanding rejections have been overcome and should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Should the examiner wish to discuss the foregoing, or any matter of form or procedure in an effort to advance this application to allowance, he is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number.

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Respectfully submitted,

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